

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7th, 2024

9:00 am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Brenda Blanshan

Lay Reader: Gladie Hagen

Usher: Petznick family, Stu Anderson

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Communion Set-up: Megan Gentz

Prelude

-Brenda Blanshan

Welcome – Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn *Listen, God is Calling* ELW 513

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Kyrie p. 138

Hymn of Praise...This is the feast p. 139

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹ A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear for they are a rebellious house, they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.³ And I know that such a person—whether in the

body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation... Alleluia

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The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

¹ Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.⁷ He called the

twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Becky

Hymn of the Day *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ELW 579

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering
Offering is received in the pews, or electronically through Vanco.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving p.144

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer p. 145

Invitation to Communion
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* ELW 888

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

-Brenda Blanshan

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, we are glad you are here!
Join us for coffee in the Fireside room after worship.

Reminder: Pastor Becky, Mark and Christa will all be attending Lifest, July 10th – 14th. Also, there will be no Facebook Live worship on July 14th. The offices will be closed unless anyone would like to volunteer to be in the office from 9am to noon on those days please let us know.

Please bring your spare change for Noisy Offering on Sunday, July 14th and 28th. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is Day Spring Children’s School.

Mission Project for July
Dayspring Children’s School

Weekly Calendar		
Sunday, July 7	9:00 am	Service with H.C.
	10:30 am	DCV with H.C.
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday, July 9	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, July 10	7:00 pm	S.H. Youth
Thursday, July 11	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, July 14	9:00 am	Service with N.O.
	10:30 am	DCV
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth

Sunday Attendance and Giving

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
June 30	47	\$2,445
June 23	Fairgrounds	
June 16	45	\$1,605
June 9	153	\$1,148

Electronic Income

<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$3,514.05	\$17,172.63